the installation of thermal stations by possible consumers. The Municipal Town of Alwaye has also been brought under electric supply very recently.

In accordance with the present anticipations and forecast of revenue and expenditure, the scheme is expected to meet interest, depreciation and sinking fund charges and operation expenses within three years from the commencement of the supply.

36. *Trivandrum Electric Supply.*—The total cost of this scheme is expected to be Rs 10·73 lakhs at the close of the current year and Rs 11·46 lakhs at the close of the next year. The present generation is 1·3 million units as against 1·17 million units last year. The number of consumers is also steadily increasing. The gross receipts for the current year are estimated at Rs 2·51 lakhs and for the next year at Rs 2·55 lakhs. Substantial reductions in the tariffs have also been made this year.

37. *Quilon Electric Supply.*—The capital outlay on this undertaking is expected to stand at Rs 2·84 lakhs at the close of this year and at Rs 3·21 lakhs at the close of the next year. The gross revenue for the current year is estimated to be Rs ·91 of a lakh while for the next year, the receipts are anticipated to be Rs 1·37 lakhs. The depreciation and reserve funds opened for the Electric and Telephone Schemes are expected to amount to Rs 5·39 lakhs and Rs 2·03 lakhs respectively.

38. *The Trunk Telephone Scheme.*—Since we met here this time last year, negotiations between the Government of India and this Government for the execution of a Trunk Telephone Scheme have been completed. An experienced officer, who was until recently in the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department, has been appointed as Telephone Engineer to design and construct the All-Travancore Trunk Telephone Scheme. An estimate of Rs 8 lakhs has been sanctioned for the work. But only about a fifth of the sanctioned estimate is expected to be spent this year as most of the materials required for the construction of the scheme will be arriving only at the beginning of next year. The scheme contemplates the linking of all the important towns in the State in addition to a net work specially to be constructed for the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme to facilitate operation. The survey works have already been completed for the line between Trivandrum and Nagercoil and the construction has just been started. It is proposed to use Ascu treated timber for most of the trunk telephone lines. For the next year a provision of Rs 5·99 lakhs has been made in the budget for the continuance of the work.

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